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# Classkick

# Changing Classroom Presentations

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**Classkick is an app that changes the way you present slideshows to students.**

**It allows students to progress at their own pace with the ability for the teacher to monitor everyone's activity on their own iPad or laptop.**



# Classkick in the Classroom

## Features

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1. **Allow students to work at their own pace.**
2. **Monitor their progress the entire time.**
3. **Options for students to ask the teacher for help or to check their answer.**
4. **Teacher can provide feedback to the student.**
5. **Teacher can help the student by joining their view.**
6. **If allowed students who understand the material better can assist their peers.**
7. **Can add a variety of media to assist the students.**

## What is it?

Classkick is an app that allows you to create slideshow like presentations in which students can read through and respond to questions throughout the slideshow. When they are finished on a page they can move on or click on raise hand and the teacher will receive a digital hand notification to check the students answer on that page. A student can also ask for help from the teacher. There is also an option for the teacher to enable students to help their peers.

## How new is it?

The app was originally published in April of 2016. It has received constant updates to bugs and functionality.

## Why should it be utilized?

The app is a great way for students to learn at their own pace while still having the teacher available to answer questions and monitor students' progress in real time.



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## Example of classroom use:

Classkick can be used in a math class for an understanding check. The teacher would create a slideshow with problems and monitor the students progress giving feedback or helping students who along they way. This will allow them to gauge whether or not the class is ready to move to the next unit.

## SAMR level:

SAMR is a way to evaluate how big of an advancement a specific piece of technology is. The four options stand for Substitution, Augmentation, Modification and Redefinition. This application is at the redefinition level because this truly allows students to work at their own pace and allows the teacher to watch what a student is working on in real time with the ability to provide assistance at any point.

## Drawbacks:

If “allow other students” to help option is selected then the students could chat with one another, give wrong answers or copy work. Another drawback is the limited real human contact however this can happen with any assignment in the app or not.

## Cost:

Free for the basic which is everything I described! Coming this spring are some payed plans for \$299 per teacher and quotes for schools that include upgraded features that would be nice but are definitely not necessary to the current effectiveness of the app.

## Overall rating:

*Unbelievable!* This app provides great functionality. The app benefits the student immensely in the sense that they are able to take their time and go through the slideshow at a comfortable pace instead of the current standard slideshows in which everyone spends the same time on each slide. Classkick also allows the teacher to monitor all students in one spot and give them the ability to affirm a students correct answer or lead them in the right direction if they are having a difficult time.

The ability to integrate various forms of media is also a major bonus. If a student is struggling on one specific Idea you can send them a link to a website or share an image with them to help clarify and this can all be done either in the classroom or around the world!



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# Augmentation

Augmentation is when technology substitutes something but also adds another layer.

EX: You have the handout on your computer and can edit it as you read through it. If it was printed you would not be able to edit it.

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# Modification

Modification is when technology allows you to change the task. You use your device to change the task. EX: With the handout on a laptop you now edit it and view web links as you read through.

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# Redefinition

Redefinition is when a technology allow you to do something that wold never have been possible without technology. EX: You are able to collaborate on the handout with someone halfway around the world, simultaneously editing it and adding various kinds of media to it.

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# SAMR

The rating level of technology. Is it Substitution, Augmentation, Modification or Redefinition.

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# Substitution

Substitution is when new technology does the same thing that could be done without it. EX: Having the handout on your computer screen is substitution of having a printed copy.

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